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## IRAQI-AMERICAN CITIZENS DELEGATION TO SPEAK AT LOCAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

**Norfolk, VA** (CNRMA) – Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic will host a delegation of Iraqi-American citizens, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at several Naval installations in Hampton Roads. The delegation, sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), will visit the area military installations as an opportunity for them to give a first-hand account of change in Iraq since the end of the former regime. They will relate their experiences and observations about the sacrifices our military members and families are making in support of the global war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the positive impact on the lives of the Iraqi people.

The delegation will hold forums with military members, families, reservists, retirees and DoD civilians on Tuesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek and on Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Air Station Oceana.

For a complete schedule of the visit, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.cnrma.navy.mil">www.cnrma.navy.mil</a> or contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at (757)322-2961.

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**MEDIA NOTE**: Media is invited to cover the session being held at Naval Station Norfolk on Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Heather Welch at the Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region Public Affairs Office at 322-2961.